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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GILJUM ET AL.

Examiner

Adam M Queler

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7,9,10,13,15,16,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7,9,10,13,15,16,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment and RCE filed 02/18/2005.
2. Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19-20 are pending in the case. Claims 7 and 13 are independent claims.
3. The rejection of claims 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is withdrawn in light of Applicant's amendment.
4. The rejection of claims 7-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is withdrawn in light of Applicant's amendment.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/18/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salas et al. (US006233600B1, filed 7/15/1997), and further in view of Goedken (US 20020133494A1, filed 5/21/2002).**

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Regarding independent claim(s) 7 and 13, Salas teaches storing content items in a database, as well as folder, or eRooms, (col. 3, ll. 35-37), and permissions (col. 3, ll. 57-60). Salas teaches that the database stores information about the objects being in an eRoom (col. 3, ll. 49-51), thereby establishing a mapping between the item and the folder. Salas teaches that permission applies to an eRoom and the objects in it are bound by the same permissions (col. 14, ll. 46-50). Therefore, the permission associated with the room applies to the item in the folder. Salas teaches determining if a user has a right to access an object (col. 13, ll. 38-39). The access right for the object is determined by the folder (col. 14, ll. 46-50), and when it is granted, inherently, the folder mapping, and attribute value must have been determined. Salas teaches responding to the request based on the value (col. 13, ll. 38-39).

Salas does not explicitly disclose the visibility of items prior to owner approval. Goedken discloses a database system where additions to the system are not visible until approved by an administrator (para. 74). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add the administrator review function of the database system of Goedken, to the database system of Salas, thereby making the content item not visible until the item is approved by the administrator, in this case, the owner of the folder. This would have been desirable in order to prevent malicious users from vandalizing the database (para. 74, ll. 1-8).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 9 and 15, Salas teaches the operation is to create an item (col. 13, ll. 27-30).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 10 and 16, Salas teaches owners assigning users permissions (col. 14, ll. 44-46).

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Regarding dependent claim(s) 19 and 20, Salas teaches a specific permission that allows an owner to create a folder (col. 3, ll. 57-61). Salas teaches a style of the folder c7.8-10. Inherently, this style is created with the room. Therefore, the permission allows the owner to create a style associated with the room.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments, see pp. 7-9, filed 2/18/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 7 and 13 under U.S.C. 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive in view of the amendment. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Salas in view Goedken.

Additionally, Applicant alleges that Salas does not disclose a folder owner. While Salas does explicitly use that language, the "coordinator" is deemed to be the owner of Salas's eRooms, and therefore is considered to be the folder owner.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam M Queler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4140.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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